compared with the earlier years. According to the NEC Secretariat, this is due to the transfer of road projects namely, Tameng long-Khounsang and Tamenglong-Haflong to the Border Roads Organisation for implementation and the fact that the Roads and Bridges and other schemes implemented by the State Government have either been completed are or on the verge of completion.

The NEC Secretariat has also informed that in addition to the amounts indicated above, over Rs. 31.00 lakhs was provided to various sports clubs and associations in the State of Manipur from 1992-93 onwards.

Assault on Harijan Women

1737. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an incident reported on June 5, 1996 to the effect that a 55 years Harijan woman was physically assaulted and then dragged after being tied to a tractor in Bagli village of Kota district for allegedly stealing jewellery;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this incident came close on heels of an attack on a marriage procession of a Harijan in the same district; and

(c) whether these incidents represent only a tip of the ice berg of atrocities being perpetrated in different parts of the country on Dalits by other castes especially in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, U.P., if so, the number and details of such incidents that have come to Government's notice during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meeting of Chief Ministers of Narmada Basin States

1738. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of Chief Ministers of Narmada Basin States was held at New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof with names of participants; and

(c) the details of the discussion held there at and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following meetings were held with the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan (party States of Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award):—

5.7.96—Meeting with the Union Minister of Water Resources.

15.7.96—Special Meeting of Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources.

15.7.96—& 16.7.96— Meeting with the Prime Minister.

A Statement is enclosed showing the names of the Participants, *(See* below).

(c) Issues relating to the hight of Sardar Sarovar Dam and procurement of Turbo-Generator sets from Japan for the River Bed Power House of Sardar Sarovar Project were discussed and the following have been agreed to:—

(i) "Construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam may proceed as planned, limiting the Full Reservoir level to 132.68 metres (436 feet) in the first instance. Thereafter the data for actual flow of water in the dam will be observed for a period of five years. If during any three out of these five years, the flow of water-discharge is adequate as assessed in the award, the

decision regarding raising the reservoir level to 138.68 metres (455 feet) could be considered.

Construciton of the dam will proceed pari-passu with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons as per terms of the Award and relief and rehabilitation Policies laid down by the States in this regard. The States shall ensure speedy and proper implementation of the relief and rehabilitation mearures."

(ii) Further action for procurement of Turbo-Generators would be proceeded with.

Statement

List of Participants in the meetings of Chief Ministers of Narmada Basin States held on 5.7.1996 and 15-16.7.1996

Sarvashri

1. Janeshwar Mishra, Union Minister of Water Resources.
2. Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, Union Minister of Welfare. (15-16.7.96 only)
3. Dr. Y.K. Alagh, Union Minister of State for Planning & Programme Implementation (on 15.7.96 only)
4. Capt. Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad, Union Minister of State for Environment & Forests (on 5 & 15.7.96 only)
5. Dr. S. Venugopalachari, Union Minister of State for Power. (15-16.7.96 only)
6. Suresh Chandra Mehta, Chief Minister, Gujarat.
7. Digvijay Singh, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.
8. Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister, Maharashtra (5.7.1996 only)
9. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister, Rajasthan.
10. Gopinath Munda, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra, (on 5 & 15.7.96 only)
11. Subhash Yadav, Deputy Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.
12. Jay Narayan Vyas, Minister, Narmada Development, Gujarat.
13. Mahadeoraoji Shivankar, Minister for Irrigaiton, Maharashtra.

Increase in Crime in Capital

1739. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI RAJ BABAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the crimerrate in Delhi;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) total number of cases registered with the Police authorities of Delhi during the last two years out of which how many have been solved and the number of cases still pending; and

(d) the steps taken to check the increase of crimes in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) IPC cases have registered an increase of 3.43% during the last six months i.e. from 1.1.1996 to 30.6.1996 as compared with the preceding period of six months.

The main factors responsible for the increase in crime include, *inter alia*, increase in population and greater emphasis on free registration of cases.

(c) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (see *below*).

(d) The steps taken to check crime include, *inter alia*, increase patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, coordination with neighbouring States, modernisation of communications networks, etc.